

## Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 3/03/2018

**Attendance:** Sandra Dodson-Ellis, Candace Shaw, Dr. Ariel Lufkin, Janet Wilson, Sandra Harrison, Derek Dobbins, Iona Cunningham, Robin Moore, Tim Davis (remote), Natasha Mikel (remote), Randy Curry (remote), David Swope (remote), Carolina Morris (remote), Marci White (remote), Mary Daniel (remote), Molly McCool-Hare (remote), Nate Draper (remote), Jennifer Kellbach, Josh Braziel, Samantha Mohr (remote), Shannon Tice, David Swope and Reji Varghese.

**Welcome/Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison. Introductions were made of those in attendance both in person and remotely, and a quorum was present.

**Meeting minutes:** The meeting minutes from February were presented by the secretary, Mr. Scott Bumgarner. After review, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Derek Dobbins, and seconded by Dr. Ariel Lufkin. A motion to approve was passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Mr. Dobbins presented the treasurer's report for February 2018. Expenses, deposits, and the balance were noted. A motion to approve the report was made by Ms. Robin Moore, and seconded by Dr. Lufkin, and the motion to approve was passed.

**Legislative update:** The update was presented by Ms. Harrison, who mentioned several bills relating to telemedicine and their current status. She also noted there were no more bills due relating to the overhaul of the OUSF from 2016, and she felt the group was on a good track with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission: HB 1390, HB 1893, HB 3336 (PT bill does not mention telerad, but ATA is supporting. Main point is license portability), SB 956, SB 1074 (speech pathology/audiology—defines telepractice in bill, Dr. Lufkin said he would look at definition closely, as did Mary Daniel), SB 1388, and SB 1514 (internet service providers now prosecutable by state attorney general).

**Board Committee reports:** None at this time

**Director's report:** Ms. Shaw noted a new member, Sunbeam Family Services, and also that she was working with OU Medicine to get their membership. Mr. David Swope introduced Sunbeam's services to the group remotely. Ms. Shaw received

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an e-mail from ATA regarding their national conference at the end of April with a 3 for the price of 2 registration special, and asked if anyone else was attending. Any members attending are encouraged to let her know, if there is a chance we could use other memberships to lessen the cost. She also noted she is seeking candidates for the Executive Director position.

**Other Business:** Mr. Varghese presented some information to the group regarding a couple of calls with CTel he had participated in. The first was comprised of many payors and hospitals, and dealt with developing suggestions for the DEA relating to the Ryan Haight Act (internet prescribing) and tele-mental health. The panel from this call made several suggestions to the DEA. Out of that came a second call comprise of 43 state medical boards, some of which had concerns with CTel recommendations fearing any changes may create other problems that they don't have the resources to deal with. CTel continues to provide feedback to the DEA, moving towards a formal rulemaking request in 2018.

On another note regarding other business, Ms. Harrison announced that she was asked to be on the CTel Board of Directors, at which the group broke out in spontaneous applause.

**Educational Presentation:** This month's presentation was from Ms. Maria Greenfield, Director of OT at JD McCarty Center in Norman, OK, and was about their tele-occupational therapy program which started around 1995-1997. She gave a great account of the history of the program, and descriptions of how a typical encounter works, the different roles involved on both ends, and described the benefits, barriers, and limitations of the program. She also spoke of the possibility of training new licensees in telemed, as it is now just on-the-job training. Mr. Varghese noted he would like her input regarding revising and better defining the OT Telepractice Act.

**Meeting adjournment:** Motion for adjournment by Ms. Moore and seconded by Mr. Dobbins. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m., and the board members went immediately into executive session.

